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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated December 23, 2004, for which a response is due on March 23, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

REMARKS

Claims 42-46 are pending in this application. Claim 42 stands rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Gore (USPN 3,962,153). Claims 43-45 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gore in view of Gore (USPN 4,187,390). Claim 46 stands rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gore in view of Marin et al. (USPN 5,618,300). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

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